GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:677
ANSWERED ON:13.05.2002
NEW SCHEME FOR MAKING WATER TO FARMERS ACCESSIBLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a new scheme for making water more accessible to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States that are likely to be benefited under the scheme;

(d) whether Andhra Pradesh has been included under the scheme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.677 DUE FOR REPLY ON 13TH MAY, 2002.

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. In order to exploit the ground water potential available in eastern region, Government of India has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of `On Farm Water Management` which has been launched during the year 2001-2002 for increasing crop production in Eastern India. Under the scheme, financial assistance for sinking shallow tube wells/low lift irrigation points, electrical/diesel water pumping sets and dug wells (for plateau regions only) is provided to the farmers through NABARD. This is a credit linked scheme. The funding pattern of the scheme is on 20:30:50 basis i.e., 20% as contribution from the beneficiaries, 30% as Government of India assistance as subsidy and remaining 50% as loan from the commercial/state cooperative/rural banks. This scheme is being implemented in ten states viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa and selected districts of Eastern U.P. & West Bengal.

(d) & (e): No, Sir. The scheme has been approved specifically for exploiting the available ground water potential of the Eastern States.